

Woman's Page

Dorothy Dix Talks

FOOLISH JEALOUSY.

By DOROTHY DIX, The World's Highest Paid Woman Writer

I have received a letter from a woman who says: "My husband's stenographer is a very young woman. He has asked him to dismiss her, and employ some middle-aged homely woman as his secretary. He refuses to do so on the grounds that this girl is exceptionally competent and efficient, and that she saves him an enormous amount of detail work. He also says that the girl is very modest and discreet in her demeanor, and that neither he nor she have the slightest interest in each other beyond that of employer and employee."

"Nevertheless, it makes me miserable to think of my husband spending his days in the society of a girl who is so much younger, fresher and better looking than I am. There are thousands of other wives who feel the same way about their husbands and their stenographers. Do you think that the pretty girl in the office is a menace to the wife at home?"

Well, why should the pretty girl in the office be more dangerous to a wife than the pretty girl in the parlor or at the restaurant or in country club, or wherever else a man is likely to meet a pulchritudinous maiden? Doubtless, pretty girls, wherever they may be, are a possible source of peril to wives and also, doubtless, every married woman in the world would make every other woman envious if she is, faster than she is and ten years older than she is if she could.

Then she could rest in peace, let out her corset strings, quivering her hair to its natural color and take her watchful eye off of her particular John Henry.

Fortunately, wives possess no such evil magic. They can't kill off the pretty girls, much as they might like to, and inasmuch as young women who are easy on the eye will continue, than heaven, to flourish in our midst, the only thing for wives to do is to use a little common sense and philosophy in facing the situation.

Undoubtedly, as my correspondent says, many wives are filled with jealousy of their husbands' stenographers, and it is a safe bet that if wives picked out their husbands' office force it would be recruited from the old Ladies Home and the wouldn't-be-a-wife man in it who was under 50 and who didn't have false teeth, grizzled hair, and a rheumatic hith in her knee.

Yet, in all good truth, there is, as a rule, no other woman of whom a wife has less reason to be green-eyed than the woman with whom her husband works.

There are many reasons for this. One of these is that there is a time, a place and a reason for all things and a business office is neither the time, nor the place, nor the reason for sentiment, romance and philandering. It is a place to work in. A place to fight in. A place where a man marshals all of his sterner faculties, his keenness, his shrewdness, his hardness to do battle with those who were trying to wrest from him his hard won trade and money.

To succeed a man must concentrate his every faculty in the work in hand. For the time being nothing else of importance, or interest exists for him but the case he is getting ready to try, the deal he is endeavoring to put over, the bill of goods he is selling, and his wife may depend upon it that he is not interrupting the current of his thoughts to make love to his stenographer, or any other woman.

Love-making simply isn't done in business houses or business hours. A man indulges in sentiment as he does in cocktails only after his day's work is done. Romance and love making belong as strictly to him to the after

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silk is worn with it. The second costume is a skirt of baronet satin—glorious in luster and gorgeous in its huge plaids. With it also is worn a collarless, cuffless, slip-on of creamy wash satin.

ONE DISH VICTORY MEALS

One-dish meals will please the whole family. They will please mother because they are easy to prepare, they will please brother because they "fill him up," they will please sister because it will not take so long to do the dishes, they will please father because they go lightly on the pocket book, and they will please the U.S. Food Administration because they are conservation meals.

Potted Hominy and Beef
Hominy is excellent to use as part of a one-dish dinner, if you have a fire in your stove so that you can cook it a long time, or if you use a fireless cooker. Heat 1 1/2 quarts of water to boiling, add 1 teaspoon of salt and 2 cups of hominy which has been soaked overnight. Cook in a double boiler for four hours or in the fireless cooker overnight. This makes 5 cups. This recipe may be increased and enough cooked in a fireless way for several meals. Hominy is excellent combined with dried, canned or fresh fish, or meat and vegetable leftovers may be used. Here is one combination:

2 tablespoons fat, 2 tablespoons flour, 2 cups milk, 4 potatoes, 2 cups carrots, 5 cups cooked hominy, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1-4 pound dried beef. Melt the fat, stir in the flour, add the milk and mix well. Cook until it thickens. Cut the potatoes and carrots in dice, mix all the materials in a baking dish and bake for one hour.

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A tablespoon of turpentine boiled with your white clothes will greatly aid the whitening process.

Old boot tops cut into pieces of the required size and lined make good thick iron holders.

Odors from boiling ham, cabbage, onions, etc., may be prevented by putting a piece of charcoal into the kettle.

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BOYS EXPLODE A BOMB IN SALT LAKE

SALT LAKE, March 11.—Since time immemorial the small boy has loved his robbers' cave. Adults see but an unsightly hole in the ground. To the 12-year-old his pirates' retreat symbolizes the spirit of bold deeds and hazardous venture of all the ages.

The character of Salt Lake youths has not changed since Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn led their band in search of treasure along the banks of the Mississippi. This was proven last night when a bold and desperate, though youthful, robber band, composed of next generation's citizens, now residing with their parents near South Fourth East street and Coatesville avenue was responsible for an explosion which shattered windows in the dwellings of the neighborhood and resulted in an investigation by the police.

This band, whose members shall be

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nameless for purposes of publication, had constructed their stronghold beneath the surface of the vacant lot at Fourth street and Coatesville avenue. They had obtained a charge of explosive and after heated debate and much stealth in collecting the materials, made up a really and truly bomb. That is, most of the boys believed it would shoot, but there were some doubting Thomases.

"I be'cher it will. Yessirree. Then we'll show you," the captain ordered. The robbers scattered, holding hands over ears and peeping from safe points of vantage.

It did. Pale and trembling the robbers scuttled away, while scores of neighbors thronged to the corner. One woman living near by was hurled to the floor by the force of the explosion. No property damage, except the complete demolition of the cave was done, more than the shattered windows and broken crockery. The noise of the blast was heard down town and scores of telephone inquiries were made as to its source.

ALLIES READY FOR OFFENSIVES

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Germany's sweeping up of Russia is described by the war department's weekly military review as another futile attempt on the part of the Germans to shift the center of gravity of the war which still remains on the west front where the Teutons face the French, British, Italian and Belgian armies and the ever-growing American forces. There, the review says, lie the key positions of the war.

American troops now occupy trenches at four separate points and, as was recently disclosed, in the principal sector their front is four and a half miles long. They have been constantly engaged, the department says, and the scope of their activities is being constantly extended.

Nothing is found in the situation by the department to indicate that the Germans have abandoned their plans for a great offensive in the west and it says the allies, while assuming an alert defensive, are content to let the enemy break himself against their impregnable line.

Intense air activities during the week are noted, with the statement that 214 enemy aircraft were brought down on the western front alone, while the allies lost only 88 machines on all fronts during the same period. The enemy loss on all fronts is placed at 273.

TWO AMERICANS ARE ROBBED IN CHINA

PEKING, Friday, March 8.—Two American engineers, Nyl and Purcell, have been robbed and captured by

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bandits near Yehsien, in the province of Honan. A Chinese assistant also was taken prisoner.

The party was on its way to inspect a survey, the site of a proposed railway between Chowkai and Siang Yangfu. They were carrying a large sum of money with which to pay survey parties. An escort of twenty soldiers resisted the bandits until their ammunition was exhausted when the party surrendered. Two of the Chinese escaped and reported the outrage.

gaged in some surveying work for which the company has contracts with the Chinese government, it was said. Though officers of the company said there was no one in their employ named Nyl, they expressed the belief that this name has been confused with that of G. A. Kyle, formerly of Portland, Ore., who has been in China for several months.

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